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For: Filter Elements Having Injection Molded
Thermoplastic Seals and Methods of Making
Same

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2006. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.